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Editorial

Our Loyal Friends

THE SCHOOL OF LIFE in which God manifests in variety offers mankind the greatest education possible for the betterment of himself and the world in which he lives.

One of the many lessons offered in this school is the study and understanding of our loyal friend, the dog. Spending a little time with these friends we soon realize that they have personality and character. Among their many attributes it is a joy to note duty, gratitude, tolerance, faith, hope and humility.

All of these attributes are readily expressed when we turn the key of kindness which unlocks the door of understanding and permits these blessings

to flow. Without this key of kindness the love of God is locked within and struggles to be free, giving rise to fear, anger, jealousy and greed.

THE TEACHINGS in the school of life reveal a strange similarity between animal and man. Could it be that God in his infinite wisdom has given man the key and dog the door? When true love awakens our faculty of reason we see no difference between ant and angel. He who loves God loves all creation and in so doing is freed from the bondage of ignorance-fear.

My friend the dog, reveals a God
That many cannot see
But by his acts and deeds
I feel, a friend that's close to me.

FROM FIRE-MIST TO MAN

Evolution Spiritually Interpreted

by Andrew Jackson Davis

INORGANIC EVOLUTION

IN THE BEGINNING Matter and Power existed inseparable as a Whole. Matter contained all the substances to produce all suns, all worlds and systems of worlds throughout immensity of space. It contained the qualities to produce all things that are existing upon each of these worlds. And Power contained Wisdom, Goodness, Justice, Mercy and Truth. It contained the original and essential Principle that is displayed throughout immensity of space, controlling worlds and systems of worlds, and producing Motion, Life, Sensation and Intelligence, impartially disseminated upon their surfaces as Ultimates.

THUS MATTER AND MOTION are co-eternal principles established by virtue of their own nature; and they were the Germ containing all properties, essences, and principles to produce all forms and spheres now existing. The great original Mass was a substance containing within itself the embryo of its own perfection. It became impregnated by virtue of its own laws, and was controlled, guided, and perfected by virtue of its omnipotent Power.

CRYSTALLIZATION and organic life are the two general developments belonging to the Mundus of spheres, but there was nothing existing as things exist now. For it was one Sphere, one Substance, one Germ, one Cause, containing the power to produce all the systems now swimming in the vacuum of undefinable space. It contained the power of progression, but it had not progressed.

THIS GREAT MASS of matter abounded with immense heat and fire, each particle was in reality not such,

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Declaration of Principles N.S.A.C.

4. WE AFFIRM THAT THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONAL IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONTINUE AFTER THE CHANGE CALLED DEATH.

"Life here and life hereafter is all one life whose continuity of consciousness is unbroken by the mere change in form whose process we call death."

— Lilian Whiting

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A Sad Story

A tree toad loved a she toad that lived up a tree;

She was a three toed tree toad, but a two toed tree toad was he;

The two toed tree toad tried to win the she toad's friendly nod,

For the two toed tree toad loved the ground that the three toed tree toad trod;

But vainly the two toed tree toad tried, he couldn't please her whim,

In her tree toad bower, with her veto power, the she toad vetoed him.

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A Child Speaks from the World of Spirit

by K. H. Nagrani

STOP BEATING CHILDREN COMPLETELY. Who is prepared to give this promise? Don't threaten a child, this saps his vitality. Beating in comparison to threatening is worse. Beating hurts the body, while threatening affects not



only the child's energy but his entire stamina and heart. Threatening is worse than poisoning. The best way is to treat the child with love. It is possible that he will not understand in the beginning. Do you yourself follow the injunctions of God Almighty? When you do not, who beats you? Having discarded reality, you run after a mirage and yet no one can tell you anything, but if a child breaks something worth two annas you would wish to break his head. You are never anxious to embrace realities. It is only when you are dragged that you go toward the truth, but you repeatedly return back. Yet you treat your children as if they are worse sinners than yourself. Now, what is this justice?

A CHILD CANNOT COMPARE in wisdom to yourself, but have you ever made a conscious effort to add to his knowledge? If he wishes to go out with you for a walk, you shun him down and call him names. From where is a poor child to learn then? Do you ever treat a child as a friend? When he asks questions, which many times you yourself do not know, instead of saying that you don't know you would threaten him and put him down. This is the second thing which ought to be avoided.



EVOLUTION

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but the Whole was a mass of liquid lava. The elements then developed were Light and Heat, and the power contained in this great vortex was the Great Positive Mind! And its development was Eternal Motion. Thus Matter and Motion constituted the original condition of all things.

THE TERRA TERMINUS were both combined in this great Ocean of unparticled substance. It contained the parts to produce all things subsequently created. It was the Cause of an externalized system of concentric spheres of heavens, which were and are the very foundation and Cause of all that which is terrestrial and corporeal, yet developing that which is celestial and heavenly.

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A Builder

He was not stylish or rich or great -
Owned neither a mine nor real estate;
But he simply toiled from day to day,
Faithful and honest and brave alway,
Never too tired or poor to give
His best that some other man might live.
His earth-work finished, an angel came,
And softly whispered.

the old man's name,
And led him to mansions of beauty rare,
Upbuilt by his

love and faith and prayer,
And each good deed that in earth-life
shone

Was marked above by a shining stone.

— Callie Bonney Marble

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Prayers of Black Eagle



Dear Father, we, Thy children, come to Thee with faith and confidence.

Clear, we pray Thee, our vision that we may see Thy way, the way Thou wouldst have us to go, that we may receive abundant mercy at Thy hands and forgiveness for our mistakes.

May we, Thy children, who desire to be of service to Thee, hear through our receptivity Thy voice directing. Give us understanding, Dear Lord, that we may interpret Thy way, that we may follow Thy precepts, thus enabling us to live this earth life abundantly with Thee. Hear Ye us; patiently we await Thy pleasure. Unto Thee do we give the glory.

What Our Readers Say

Dear Sirs:

In your December issue of Serenity Sentinel may I pass a few flowers to you all, for the fine clean and intelligent publication of realistic and sensible Spiritualism. It is gratifying to know that you have not gone off on some of the side issues and theories.

May you continue as you have begun to publish beautiful and intelligent truths of spiritual knowledge and experience. It is good to see the picture of your chapel on the first page.

Just as a little token of encouragement I am enclosing my check for fifty dollars my little bit to help.

I do hope you will continue to grow and grow and grow for the good of spiritual knowledge to all.

Yours Truly,
Wilbur E. Tolbert
Walsh, Colorado

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The Twenty-Third Psalm

by Louise Bird

HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:

God shows me the abundance of His love and places me in the paradise of life's existence. He gives me rest there. Above the din of the commercial noise of living is a peace that transcends all materialism and coordinates my very being with the universal good—God. Life is a green pasture, you can envision it as good or you can shut yourself off from the God—power and see nothing but disease and distress if you choose. But remember the choice is man's, not God's. God waits for us to see the spiritual light and be joyous at the good news of the liberation from self but he never forces that knowledge upon anyone. We are allowed to discern or to turn away, according to our own free will. And by those choices, we make our own today. . . our own tomorrow. The best of life is as abundantly endowed to each of us by that God—creator as is the worst of life. By experiencing the worst we learn of the best and guard our moves accordingly. From our adversities we learn our most potent lessons. It is indeed a wise one who learns to distinguish between them and when they reappear, acts promptly to avoid passing that same way again.

A Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;

I was made weak, that I might humbly learn to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things;

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy;

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I received nothing that I asked for -- but everything that I had hoped for;

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men, most richly blessed.

. . . prayer by an unknown
Confederate soldier

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Though your light
May be my night,
Because I am not you.
Someday to you it will be true,
When all shall know their right to
grow.

— W.O.

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A Catechism Of Spiritual Philosophy

by W. J. Colville

Q. What is meant by spiritual gifts?

A. By a spiritual gift we usually mean some endowment which makes itself manifest spontaneously, without our having sought it, or being subjected to any training to cultivate it.

Q. Name some spiritual gifts?

A. Clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, are three of the most widely known and highly valued; but there are also many others less generally conspicuous, which are alike useful and beautiful.

Q. How do these gifts usually show themselves and when?

A. A gift often reveals itself in early childhood and seems so natural to one who possesses it that it is taken for granted quite as a natural and not unusual endowment.

Q. Can such gifts be further developed, and if so, how?

A. As every faculty is strengthened by regular genial exercises, so all spiritual gifts can be further developed in like manner. It is well at first to simply take notice of what one sees, hears, or feels, and encourage a habit of quiet attention to whatever may be revealed naturally.

Q. Do you think a spiritual gift is due to something contained within its possessor, or do you regard it as a result of outside inspiration?

A. It may be due to either of these causes, and is usually due partly to each. Sensitiveness to external guidance usually accompanies the possession of more than ordinary interior development.

Q. How do you suppose we come in contact with our unseen spiritual enlighteners?

A. In the same way that we receive suggestions mentally from friends in the physical body who can teach and help us by mental telepathy.

Q. Do you make any distinction between what you receive from friends disrobed of mortal garments?

A. Not necessarily, because we as individuals do not die; we continue to live after physical dissolution, in full possession of all our mental and physical faculties; therefore we can continue to employ the same mental methods we used formerly.

Q. Do you think it right to encourage mediumship?

A. Certainly it is right to encourage it in any healthy manner, and make use of it with good intent; but we must remember always that our motives largely regulate our communion with the spirit world; consequently we should always seek to get good that we may do good.

A Spiritual Feast

STAFF REPORTER

The secluded and rustic American Legion Log Cabin in San Anselmo provided the perfect setting for Camp Serenity's First Annual Christmas Dinner Social on Saturday, December 13, 1969.

The Spirit of the Yuletide Season, in its essence of gaiety and love, permeated the atmosphere of warmth and holiday cheer, enhanced by a blazing fire in the huge stone fireplace.

The tables were festively adorned with red candles and boughs of pine interlaced with flaming crimson berries. The host and hostess for the occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood of Forest Knolls, had a bountiful and scrumptious turkey buffet with all the trimmings. Over 70 members and friends attended this festive occasion.

Our evening was highlighted by the group singing of traditional Christmas carols and the showing of colored slides, plus movies of Camp Serenity activities and the surrounding countryside. The appearance of Santa Claus playing his violin especially delighted the children sitting beneath the colorfully decorated Christmas tree.

Our beloved camp has experienced phenomenal growth and expansion during this past year of its history. With the faith, dedication, and hard work of our directors, members, and many friends, our Spiritual Retreat will continue to grow "FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY".

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